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SUMMARY: REGULAR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING MONDAY
DECEMBER 27, CAME OUT WITH COMMUNIQUE STATING QUOTE
ITS TOTAL SUPPORT FOR OPEC UNQUOTE FOLLOWING THE NEW
PRICING DECISION RECENTLY DECIDED AT DOHA. END SUMMARY

1. COMMUNIQUE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PUBLISHED IN DAILY

NEWSPAPER L'UNION CAME OUT STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF OPEC'S RECENT PRICE INCREASE DECISION. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE: QUOTE: "THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HEARD THE REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, ENERGY AND HYDRAULIC RESOURCES ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK OF THE LAST OPEC MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN DOHA, QATAR FROM DECEMBER 15 TO DECEMBER 17, 1976.

THE COUNCIL HAS RE-AFFIRMED ITS TOTAL SUPPORT FOR OPEC, AND CONGRATULATED NOT ONLY THE INCREASE IN PRICES DECIDED BY ELEVEN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF OPEC, BUT ALSO THE ACTION TAKEN TO DOUBLE THE OPEC SPECIAL FUND FROM DOLS 800 MILLION TO DOLS 1 BILLION 5.

THIS SPECIAL FUND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HELP POSITIVELY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD WHO ARE NOT OPEC MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE PRICES OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS AND TO EQUILIBRATE THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

ON THIS OCCASION IT MUST BE UNDERLINED THAT GABON MANIFESTS CONCRETELY ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, NOT ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE SEVEN OF OAU FOR THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES TO WHICH OUR COUNTRY CONTRIBUTED 250 MILLION CFA, BUT AGAIN AND ALWAYS IN THE FUND OF SOLIDARITY OF THE UDEAC COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: ABOVE TEXT IS FIRST AND ONLY OFFICIAL GOG COMMENT MADE ON OPEC MEETING. END COMMENTS TEIGMAN

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